

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 9-11 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-3 and 5 have been amended to place them into independent form. Claims 4 and 6-8 have been amended to depend upon claims 2 and 3.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims, namely claims 4 and 6-8, now are dependent upon claims 2-3. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and such early action is requested.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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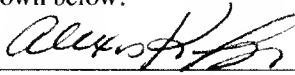
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